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ALLEGED INSTANCES OF THEFT OF VALUABLE GREEK ANTIQUITIES BY
TURKISH SOLDIERS AND CIVILIANS ON CYPRUS HAS AROUSED INTER-
EST AMERICAN-HELLENIC INSTITUTE. MR. LEON STAVROU OF THAT
ORGANIZATION HAS WRITTEN DR. VASSOS KARAGEORGHIS, WHO IN
RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, SET FORTH INSTANCES OF ALLEGED
TURKISH DEPRADATIONS OF CHURCHES AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES.
STAVROU HAS ALSO OBTAINED CONSIDERABLE BACKGROUND MATERIAL
AND INFORMATION FROM DR. EMILY VERMUELE.

2. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S GUIDANCE ON THIS
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